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### **IWRB MEETS THURSDAY IN BOISE TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY RULE CHANGING STREAM CHANNEL ALTERATION PERMIT APPROVAL**

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will meet Thursday (October 3) in Boise to consider adopting a temporary rule changing the approval process for stream channel alteration permit applications filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Board announced today.

The temporary rule, if approved by the Board, would dispense with IDWR stream channel alteration permitting requirements for projects that have been approved under the Federal government's Clean Water Act.

That means stream channel alteration projects approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under its Section 404 Clean Water Act regulations would be recognized by IDWR as meeting the minimum standards of Idaho's Stream Channel Alteration Act.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Thursday (October 3) at the IDWR State Office, 1301 N. Orchard Street in Boise. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposal comes after IDWR was forced to transfer five of seven stream channel alteration program employees to other duties in the agency due to budget cutbacks. The change would reduce the effort needed for IDWR personnel to process stream channel alteration permit applications.

IDWR is asking the Board to consider a temporary rule rather than a permanent rule so that the action could be reversed if funding can be found for the stream channel alteration program. Typically, IDWR processes between 500-600 stream channel alteration applications every year.

The meeting will be held in a facility meeting accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance to attend, participate in or understand the meeting please contact Rita Fleck, (208) 327-7880, in advance so arrangements can be made.